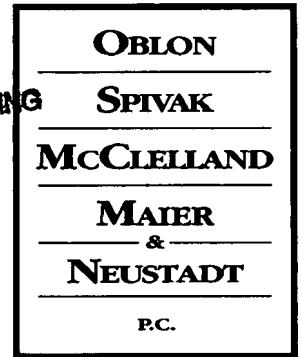




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In response to the Office Action dated February 6, 2007, Applicants request the reconsideration of the final rejection of Claims 1-6, for the reasons set forth below: